



# RESIDENTIAL BURNING INFORMATION

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## DO I NEED A BURN PERMIT FROM THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT?

- Fire Agency Burn Permits **may be** required for residential allowable burning. Contact your local fire agency for more information on when and how to obtain a burn permit.
- Air Pollution Burn Permits are not required for residential allowable burning.
- Burning on a vacant lot, parcel or by a business is not considered residential burning.

## WHAT CAN I BURN?

- Dry Leaves and Pine Needles
- Dry Plants
- Dry Tree Trimmings
- Dry Weeds

Legal residential burning is the disposal of **Dry Vegetation** by outdoor burning, in a pile, on the property of a one or two family dwelling where the vegetation to be burned was grown. Burning of paper and cardboard is prohibited as of January 1, 2004.

## WHAT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN?

- Garbage and rubbish
- Furniture
- Paper and cardboard
- Imported vegetation
- Lumber
- Lawn clippings
- Construction/demolition debris
- Metal and cans
- Plastics and glass

These are some of the materials that are illegal to burn.

## HOW SHOULD I BURN MY MATERIAL?

All burn materials must be DRY, reasonably free from dirt and burned in an outdoor pile.

MATERIAL SIZE	RECOMMENDED DRYING TIMES
Smaller than 6" in diameter.....	3- 6 weeks
Greater than 6" in diameter.....	6 weeks

- **The use of "burn barrels" is prohibited by State law.**
- Only burn materials that can be reasonably burned before the next day.
- Before it rains, prevent your material from getting wet by covering it with a tarp.
- If your pile is wet - let it dry a few days.
- Avoid causing a smoke nuisance to neighbors or businesses.

## WHEN CAN I BURN?

Burning can only take place on a permissive burn day. For Burn Day information, please call:

THE GREATER AUBURN AREA.....(530) 889-6868  
TOLL FREE IN PLACER COUNTY.....1-800-998-2876(BURN)

## ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING?

- Free Residential Chipping for Residents: Western Placer County call (530) 889-0111 ext. 3  
Greater Lake Tahoe area call (530) 546-4347
- For composting call the U.C. Master Composters at the Rotline (530) 889-7399
- For recycling buy-back centers call 1-800-RECYCLE
- Use or give away as firewood larger branches and wood

## WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ON BURNING AND AIR QUALITY?

Placer County Air Pollution Control District  
11464 "B" Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603  
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